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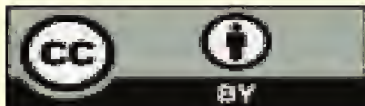
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My mother takes me to the market.
There are many shops and many people.
Some people buy.
Some just see.
What will my mother do?



First we go to the ration shop.
Mother buys wheat, rice,
sugar and dal.
We do not carry the bags.
The shopkeeper sends them home.



Next, mother stops at the vegetable shop.

I ask, "Are you going to buy vegetables?"

"No," she says.

The lady tells us, "Come and buy.

The vegetables are fresh."



Why did mother stop here? Oh, it is an oil depot.

The shop is filled with the smell of oil.

Mother complains to the shopkeeper, "Oil prices are high."

He is not happy.



We reach the fish market.
Some people don't like the smell. I love fish.
Look at the way the fisherwomen dress.
Do you see the fat cats?
They simply sit there, eat fish and get fat.



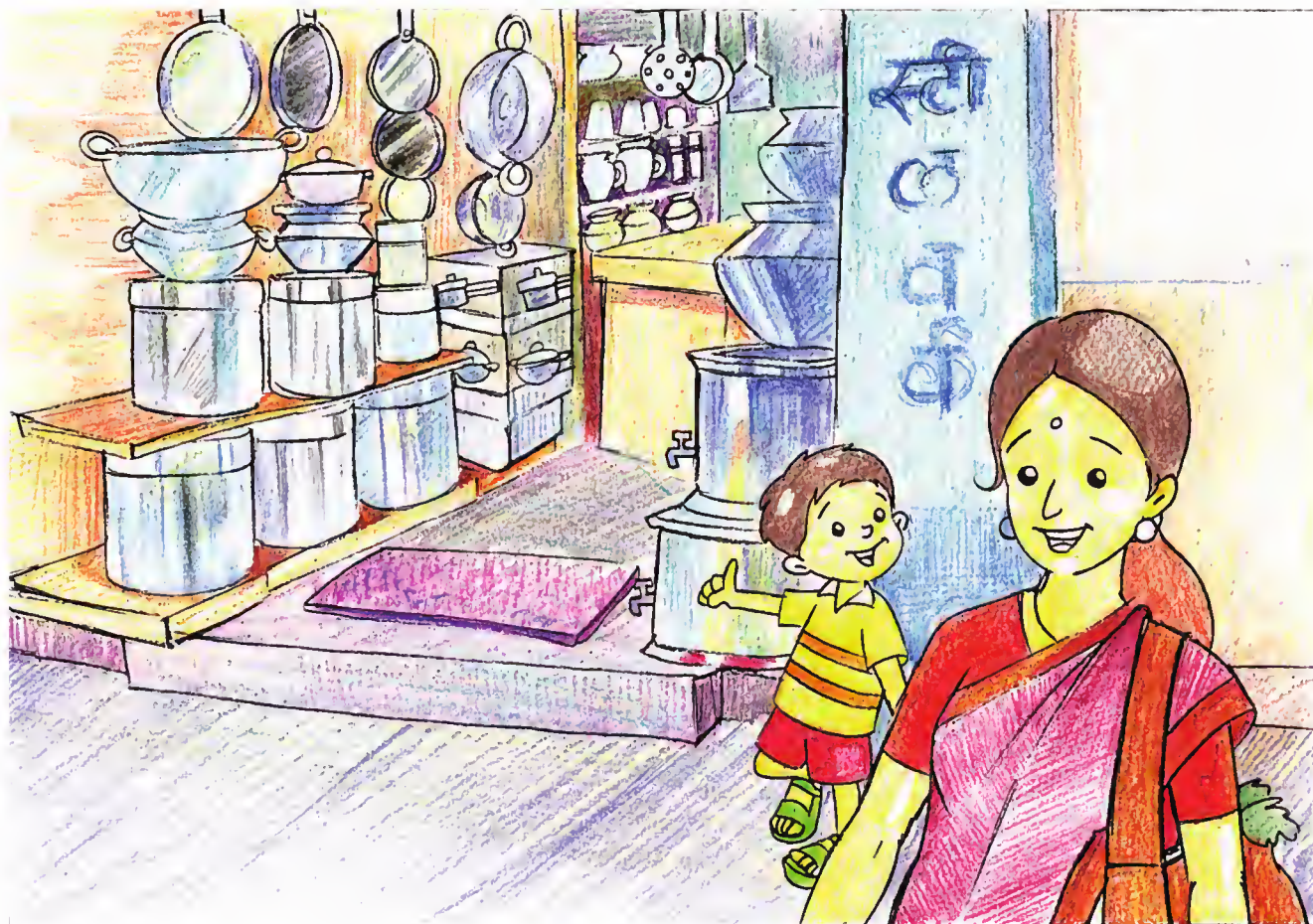
We stop at the dairy.
Mother buys some ghee and paneer.
Why don't they keep ice-cream?
I like ice-cream.
Do you think my mother will give me ice cream?



“Are you going to buy some pots?” I ask my mother.

There is no one in the shop.

People buy pots and pans
when there is a wedding or a festival.



“Stop! Don’t go into this shop!” I shout.

My mother likes the cloth shop.

She likes to feel cloth.

The shopkeeper shows her many sarees.

But she does not buy even one.



"This is what I wanted!" The toyshop!

The bear is so BIG!

I want this scooter.

And this toy truck.

I promise my mother, "I will only look and touch."

"I will not ask for a toy today."

I will get one on my birthday.







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